

Make A Difference Community Work Day November 10

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ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE is now scheduled for Monday evening, Nov. 25 to begin at 7:00 p.m. It should be done by or before 8:30 p.m. Child Care will be provided if and as requested. At the Church Conference we celebrate the ministries of the past year and how God has been at work among us or through us, consider where God is pointing us into the future, and elect spiritual leaders to help us head that direction. This year we will also act on the Evelyn Hamiel bequest. (See article elsewhere in this newsletter.) Every person who is a "member" of 1st UMC regardless of age is allowed to vote; everyone has voice. Every one who is a participant on any level is welcome to attend. In fact, it's a good way to get a 'drift' of the church.

Various clergy from the District have volunteered to convene, at the discretion of the Superintendent, the Church Conference of other churches. Our convener is Pastor John Louk who is currently serving Salem UMC of Cedar Rapids. (John was attending Clear Lake High School when I was pastor at Ventura. Ugh!) Incidentally, Pastor Paul has been asked to convene the Conferences at Clarence and Rochester, one of which will be completed by the time you read this.

November Events

- Nov. 2 — Prayer Vigil
- Nov. 6 — YOUth Group
- Nov. 10 — Community Work Day
- Nov. 10 — Kids For Christ
- Nov. 17 — Blood Pressure Screening
- Nov. 18 — Newsletter Articles Due
- Nov. 25 — Annual Church Conference
- Nov. 26 — Meeting of Holy Folders
- Nov. 28 — THANKSGIVING

12 Hour Prayer Vigil

brought to you by Neighbors and Disciples

Every year we host two prayer vigils, one the Saturday before Easter Sunday and the other in the Fall, near All Saints Sunday. This fall's **12-Hour Prayer Vigil** is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, November 2. We ask you to sign up for a time to be here, but you can stay as long as you wish. **Hey GIGs!!** Maybe you could sign up for a time slot and come and have a time of prayer as a Group!?!?

I suggest you try to be open-ended for your time to be 'done.' (In fact, leave your time-piece at home!) That will allow you to practice emptying your mind and spirit of all the other obligations and thoughts that can sometimes consume us. Once we are 'empty,' we can then be totally present in the moment. At that point it is good then to allow your thoughts and prayers to go where ever they lead; to just go with them rather than dictating your prayers.





Paul's Ponderings

1st UMC-Tipton has embarked on the 2nd phase of “Healthy Church Initiative (HCI.)” Once a month I will be meeting with pastors of other churches on this journey. We will be a GIG, though the group goes by the mundane headline of “Peer Mentoring Group.” We will practice some spiritual disciplines, do reading assignments to ponder together, and will seek to hold one another accountable to the process. The readings can be challenging because, of course, we, pastors and churches, can’t do what we’ve always done (and become comfortable doing!) and yet expect results similar to years ago. That said, here’s part of a paragraph from some recent reading:

One barrier to being a healthy church, as identified by Cathy Townley, a church coach:

Being more concerned about being nice than being Christian. (a Bill Easum quote, actually. pf) I heard a volunteer musician at a church say that if he didn’t get to play at the church he was not going to come there. It was a whiny retaliation to some changes proposed in the way they’re doing music — definitely a line in the sand.

Churches want to be ‘nice;’ pastors do, too. Most Christians want to be ‘nice.’ However, our first call is be faithful to Christ and lovingly truthful.

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Here’s a quote that tells us something about 40 Days of CommUNITY:

One who lives only to benefit self confers on the world a benefit when s/he dies. -Tertullian

It’s appropriate that I haven’t heard much from the GIGs. But it seems to me, from the little I have heard, as people have mentioned what they have shared about their own life, that the GIGs are becoming a setting in which it is okay to be honest and open. When and as that is happening, an opening is made for God to bring connections, healing, hope and health. That is very, very exciting because it is evidence of the Living Spirit of God at work in individual lives.

About the time you get this newsletter the GIGs will be changing topics... slightly. That makes it a good time for anyone who has not yet participated in a GIG to get into an existing one or to begin to form a new one. Remember, one of the purposes of building community God’s way is to be constantly reaching out to and including others!

Got a GIG? Get a GIG!

Pastor Paul

We have no ‘official’ weather-related Cancellation Policy and Procedure. Each group is left to determine your own method of decision-making and notification. It is good if each group takes a few minutes to consider this before the first snowstorm hits! Seldom will we consider cancelling worship service, but if we decide to, we will attempt to put out an email to the membership. (Remember the downed power lines of the ice storm??) We will also attempt to get it announced on WMT-600, KHAK, KGAN and KCRG – TV 9. If you would like it listed in other venues, let the church office know. Please, use your wisdom and experience to determine if you should be out and about in the weather of the day.

From Pastor Paul: If school is dismissed early and the busses sent out, any children’s or youth events scheduled for that afternoon/evening for which I have responsibility are cancelled. Same is true if school was cancelled for the day. Stay home and play games with your family!!



Missions

Thank You

The Church World Service Blankets offering taken on October 20 raised a total of \$494.64. With the cost of blankets at \$5 each, our church's offering will purchase nearly 99 blankets. It's amazing what we can do together. Thank you for your generosity!

We collected 850 items in the September drive for nonperishable foods to restock our emergency food pantry. Your donations will help many individuals/families needing assistance in our community.

Thank you!

Missions – Opportunities to Serve

In G.I.G.s (Growth and Impact Groups), we talked about the importance of using our gifts and serving others. In a GIG or not, for the sake of Christ, consider participating in one or more of the following activities:

Make A Difference Community Work Day

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Volunteers of all ages welcome. We'll have a simple meal for volunteers right after worship, then head out to work on projects. Making a Difference in our own backyard and around the world!

Meal Packaging Project

The Tipton high school has formed a group to aid in relieving the growing hunger epidemic in the Tipton area. The group will be fighting hunger by packaging meals through an opportunity with Outreach Inc., who will provide two different domesticated meals and the packaging supplies needed. **The high school is inviting the community to participate in a meal packaging program on Tuesday, November 12 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Tipton High School Cafeteria.** Volunteers of all ages are encouraged to come together to work on this worthwhile project.



July 14-18 – Missions Work Trip

Details are being worked out for next summer's work trip, but we wanted to make sure you have the dates now and can mark it on your calendar early. We anticipate being close to home for next year's work trip.

Missions – Opportunities to Give

Copper Kettle for Outreach Inc. meals

November 3

For their meal packaging project, the high school needs to raise funds to offset the \$.25 cost of each nutrient rich meal. The group has received a \$650 grant but needs to raise at least \$1,000 to complete the project. The copper kettle offering on November 3 will be used to purchase packaged meals. Meals will be distributed locally through Shared Blessings, Backpack Buddies, and Calvary Foursquare Food Pantry. (See opportunities to serve for more details.)

Thanksgiving Offering

The Thanksgiving offering is designated for Hunger and Poverty projects such as Bread for the World, Heifer International, etc. The Missions team encourages you to consider God's blessings in your life and offer thanks with a monetary donation this Thanksgiving. Use the enclosed Thanksgiving offering envelope and return it to the church by the end of November.

Alternative Giving Market

The Missions Team is offering the Alternative Giving Market once again this Christmas. Having trouble figuring out a good gift for someone who has everything? The Alternative Giving Market offers a perfect opportunity to give beyond the ordinary with alternative gifts - the practice of giving a donation in someone's honor rather than a physical gift. Buy a gift to missions in honor of family or friends, co-workers or employees, teachers and leaders.

Pick up an Alternative Giving Market brochure any time in December from the back of the sanctuary or fellowship room. You may choose from different mission projects which reflect needs in the community and world. Simply fill out the order form on the back of the brochure.

Someone from the Mission Team will be available Dec. 1, 8, & 15 after worship to take your orders. For each gift given, you will receive a Christmas card and project description to give to the person you are honoring.

Parents Night Out/Kids Night In December 6

We are planning a “Parents Night Out/Kids Night In” event on Friday, December 6 from 6:00-9:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. Please register kids by Wednesday, December 4 at noon. Kids are asked to bring a sack supper. There will be plenty of fun activities offered to keep kids busy. Parents are encouraged to enjoy the evening!

In order to offer this event, we need to have enough youth and adult volunteers to help out. If you are willing to hang out with the kids at the church and give parents a break, please contact the church office or Denise Cartwright by Wednesday, December 4.

College Connections

The College Connections team recently sent a “midterms” package with microwave popcorn and hot chocolate to college students. At the end of the month, a package with Halloween candy will be sent to students. In mid-November, a “Cold Care” package will go out. Thank you for your many donations and support of these students!

Caring Ministries

The Caring Ministries plans to distribute care packages at Halloween, Christmas, Valentine’s, and Spring time to those who don’t get out and about much anymore. We have 45-50 people typically on our list. We’d like these “care packages” personally delivered. To do this, we need YOUR help! The first care packages are going out now. The second care package will be available on Dec. 1st. In reaching out to others, you will be blessed.

Blood Pressure Screening

On Sunday, November 17, Mary McKinney and Cheryl Person will be available to do blood pressure screenings after worship in the fellowship room. Stop by for this simple, life-saving procedure! If you haven’t been tested lately, it’s possible you have high blood pressure and don’t know it. The screening is free and only takes a couple of minutes. Do yourself a favor and get your blood pressure checked now!



United Methodist Women

November Circle Meetings

Abigail — Wed., November 20th at 8:00 p.m.
Hostess: **Gail Fleming**; Co-hostess: **Connie Smith**;
Devotions: **Judy Keller**; Program: **Becky Young**

Mary Martha — Fri., November 15th at 1:30 p.m.
Hostess & Co-hostess: **Peg Adams**
Devotions & Program: Lois Salmonson

Priscilla — Thurs., November 21st at 7:00 p.m.
Hostess: **Liz Simons (Church)**; Co-hostess:
Devotions & Program:

Mark your Calendars

UMW Soup Luncheon and Bake Sale Dec 8th

Right after church

More Details in the December Newsletter

New Member Exploration

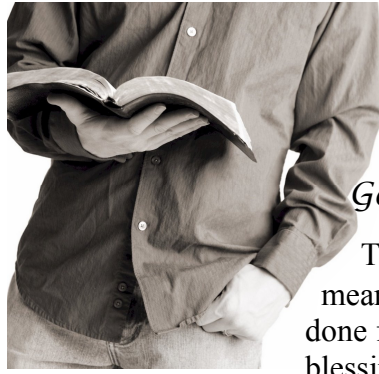
I’ve scheduled a time for persons curious about being a member of 1st United Methodist Church. We will meet November 10 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. (It’s great if you want to wear your “Make a Difference Day” ‘work’ clothing to this meeting!) I’ll have a short presentation, but bring your questions! If you are not able to attend, but are interested or curious about membership, contact me and we’ll get together at a time that works for us.

If you decide to become a “member,” we will be recognizing those folks during the worship service the following week, Nov. 17. The most basic requirement of “membership” is attendance and participation in worship. Beyond that, the vows include professing Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, being a person of prayer, offering your time, talents and money, and being a witness for Christ in the world. In addition, we are encouraging new members and everyone (!) to be part of some small group that studies the Bible, prays and supports one another.

Pastor Paul



“Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise. Use his words to teach and counsel each other.” - Colossians 3:16



Applying Bible Principles

“You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. . . .But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth” (Deut. 8:10, 18).

The Bible repeatedly says that we are to “*bless the Lord,*” but what does that mean? Whatever else it might mean, it entails having a thankful heart for all that God has done for us. It’s easy, you know, to go to an extreme and to emphasize only God’s spiritual blessings to the exclusion of His temporal blessings. It’s also easy to emphasize only His material blessings and to forget His provisions for us spiritually. In reality, we are to emphasize both the material and spiritual blessings we receive from God, remembering that all that we have comes from His bountiful hand.

As we realize God’s provisions for us, day after day, week after week, month after month, and year after year, we literally “bless the Lord” by a lifestyle that is marked by thanksgiving and contentment. (Ephesians 5:20, Hebrews 13:5, Philippians 4:11) And that spirit of gratitude for past, present and future blessings causes us to want to give to the Lord from the bounty He has provided for us. As one unknown author wrote, “Thanksgiving, to be truly Thanksgiving, is first thanks, then giving.”

Think about it: As we receive God’s blessings, we offer praise and thanksgiving to Him. And as we realize afresh that all that we have is a result of God’s goodness, our response to His faithfulness is to give back to God a portion of that which was already His. We do so, not because we have to or out of any sense of obligation or guilt. We give to the Lord because we want to, in response to His great love for us, in response to His goodness.

Dwight L. Moody was once reading Psalm 103. When he came to the verse, “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits,” he stopped short and exclaimed, “You can’t remember them all, of course, but don’t forget them all. Remember some of them!” And as you “remember some of them,” remember the sequence: First thanks, then giving.

UPDATE on “associate pastor” Alec Amosson

Alec is in the final intensive round of treatment for leukemia. If his body allows him to stay ‘on schedule,’ he will finish toward the first part of December. After that point, and if & as all things go well, he will be taking chemo just once a month for something like three years.

Around the first of December Alec hopes to move into the parsonage of Grandview UMC-Dubuque. He had begun part-time employment at Grandview just prior to diagnosis. They have kept the position for him and are eager to get him on the ground again! I also add that even though that Body of Christ barely got to experience his participation and leadership, they have been wonderful to give he and his family encouragement and prayers.

Meanwhile, we have benefitted tremendously from having Alec’s direct participation and indirectly from having his input and influence.



Kids for Christ

Sunday, November 10

2:30 - 4:30

EVERYONE is invited to attend and bring a friend. We will meet at the church for crafts, visit and entertain our friends at Cedar Manor, and return for snacks. This is an opportunity to share Christ’s love and have fun doing so. Helpers and drivers needed and blessed. For more information, please contact Denise Cartwright.

News of the People

Baptisms:

November 17 will include baptism. If you would like to be included, talk to Pastor Paul

Member Updates:

Donna Marquett is now a resident of Prairie Hills

GEMS! is our PuppetTeam at First UMC. We are (the puppets, that is!) God's voices. To be true to this goal, we explore Bible truths and work to make our stories come alive with fresh meaning! Puppetry, and leading this Team is amazing and worth every second. Just dream of the joy you'd find in this ministry!!! Questions or interest? Call Connie @ (319) 621-4832 Or First@ 886-2331. QUESTION for November: *Do you TRUST God?*

The **YOUTH Group** welcomed guests, Wally, Judy, Karen & Rich, for a 50's theme night October 9th. We enjoyed burgers and shakes and shared about life then and now as a young person. Although many things have changed: music, telephones, television, we all enjoy(ed) spending time with friends. Of course the 1950's Youth were more likely to spend time with friends "cruising" due to \$.25 gas.

If you are in grades 7-12, please plan to join us Wed, November 6th @ 6:15 p.m. for food and fun. Our focus will be friendship, which apparently has been an important part of youth life since the 50's.

Heartland Sports Complex

There will be a meal after church on Sunday, November 3, noon to 3 p.m.

It's catered by Family foods: Grilled Butterfly chop sandwiches or hot dogs, chips, cookie, drink.
Adults \$5, Kids \$3.

It will be on-site of the new rec center (Heartland Sports Complex), corner of South and Spruce Streets. (go west from Pizza Hut) Come and see the proposed designs and hear more about it.

Tax deductible donations to help get those designs into a reality will be accepted!!



Prayers

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Healing: Phyllis Behrens, Linda Black(J. Keller's sis), Bonnie Bryden, Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Kari England (Barb Rickard's niece), Donna Gault, Sylvia Gould, Arlene Hein, Ted Licht, Janice Linn, Edna Miller (Judy Ohrt's sister), Tim Montgomery, Linda Mullen – (teacher @ THS) Marjorie Stonerook's daughter, Kathy Vance, Carolyn Wiggins (S. Gould's sis), Ron Wingert, and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Persons in turmoil due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.

Families struggling with the impacts of drug and alcohol abuse or other addictions..

Couples/Families searching for the way forward.

Persons & families of incarceration;

Persons in employment limbo;

Farmers and other Ag workers putting in "harvest hours."

In Treatment: Alec Amosson, Jim Ehresman, Marlin Rife, John Packwood, Barb Knack (B. Cummin's sis), Betty Wright, Dori (C. Person's sis), Sarah Ann Wellendorf (F. Kuehl's sis)

Hospice/Palliative Care: Gene Weih

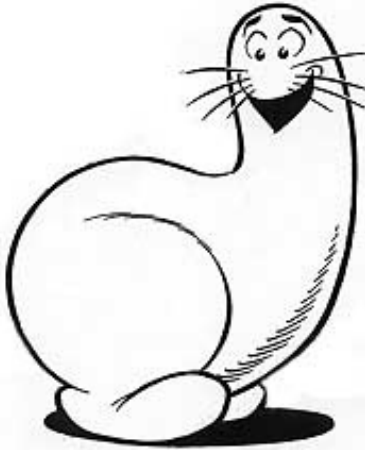
Armed Services: Sean Hannes, Billy Hoffman, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby, Mike Ploeger (McKinney's Nephew), Jake Reidel, Cole Weih

Celebration: Berrie Glick

If you have a Medical Alert or allergy that you would like FUMC to be aware of please call or email the office. Please provide what the alert is, what should be done when you are having a concern, and who to contact in an emergency. This information will be added to your church records and shared with ministry leaders on a as need basis.

Tipton FUMC's Sunday service is shown on MediaCom Cable Channel 5 on the following
Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and then again
Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Shmoo Church



Showing my age, one metaphor that comes to mind for the contemporary United Methodist Church is the Shmoo, from the Li'l Abner comic strip — originally appearing culturally in the late 1940s, and appearing in my young awareness sometime in the early 1960s when my passion

for comics and cartoons hit its zenith. The Shmoo is a pale creature, looking basically like a bowling pin with legs — very bottom-heavy with a small head and no arms — completely docile and pleasant (and as I remember, good to eat...). How are Shmoos analogous to the dear old UMC? Follow along...

Bottom-heavy: 85% of the Shmoo exists below the neck. 85% of The United Methodist Church membership is passive, complacent, perfectly happy to sit in a pew (occasionally), be served (regularly) and otherwise be left alone (perpetually). The small head exists to serve the large bottom — the 15% at the top doing everything in its collective power to keep the 85% at the bottom happy, satisfied, and content. The energy in the church today moves from the most invested to the least invested. Is it any wonder, then, that new people seeking a life-transforming relationship with a world-transforming deity are less than thrilled with what they find? Instead of the energy flowing from the bottom to propel an ever-widening circle of motivated disciples into the top tiers of leadership and action, we have a drain of energy pulling the best of our resources and gifts into a maintenance and perpetuation cycle. Shmoo church.

No arms: we run around a lot on our short, stumpy legs — you cannot accuse The United Methodist Church of not being busy! But activity should never be confused with productivity. Transportation is not the same thing as transformation. We are constantly moving, but we're not getting anywhere. We stand passively by, unable to touch, grab hold, carry, lift, or unite.

Pleasant: we love the concept of "nice." Look what we did to a core value like "radical hospitality!" We made it mean being friendly, pleasant, and nice... until someone "new" tries to change something, or touch something, or question something. We aren't interested in welcoming new members into the family — we merely want to entertain guests. And we all know the best thing about company — eventually they go home. Our facade is

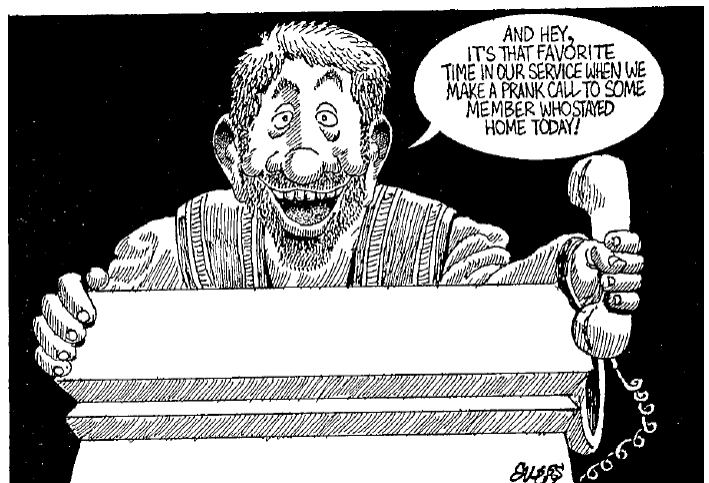
smiley and gay "open", but once you get backstage it is anything BUT.

Shmoos are a joke (literally — look up the old Li'l Abner strips) and prone to be laughed at rather than laughed with. Among young adults with little or no interest in The United Methodist Church, a key reason for their indifference — to downright disdain — is a church perfectly happy with its complacency and bottom-heavy sedentariness. A thirty-something named Kathy told me, "I want someone to challenge me — to urge me to DO something. Every church I've ever gone to SAYS they want people to get involved, but they define involvement as "sit down and shut up, unless you're asked a question." It's like I come in excited and all my excitement gets sucked out of me." Shmoo church — drain the energy from the top to settle in the bottom.

So, what's the solution? A good first step is to admit we're Shmoos and not tolerate it anymore. The complacent 85% can't call the shots anymore. What do the 15% need? What will take the most engaged, most gifted, most passionate, most ready to the next level? What can we do to equip, enable, and empower the head to lead the tail? What can we do to shift the flow of energy and spirit from the bottom to the top? Prayer comes to mind, as does actually taking the gospel seriously for a change. A commitment to excellence and world-class performance wouldn't hurt. Some standards, demands and accountability — actually expecting people to ACT like Jesus the Christ — might be fun. Taking our faith seriously as call and vocation for the priesthood of all believers instead of hobby and leisure activity when convenient could be interesting as well.

No Shmoos is good Shmoos (do we need a T-shirt...?) should be our motto. We have got to want to be something more. Don't we?

Article Posted by Dan R. Dick at United Methodeviations: Rethinking Church in the 21st Century



NEW DAY & TIME!!!

Community Thanksgiving Service will be 6:00 p.m. Sunday, November 24. This year Trinity Lutheran Church of Tipton is the hosting parish. Father Hitch of St. Mary's Catholic Churches of Tipton and Mechanicsville will be preaching. An offering is received at this service each year for the helping fund administered by the Tipton Ministerial Association (TMA) which consists of five churches: Calvary Foursquare, First United Church of Christ, First United Methodist Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church and Trinity Lutheran Church.

The helping fund is intended to cover emergency needs people may experience when all other avenues are not available to them. Funds might be used for medicine, rent, deposits, utilities, gas or even a motel room. The funds are used in cooperation with East Iowa Community Action and each of the five member churches [in our case the "Discretionary Fund"] and whatever resources each might have available.

The community has been very generous to donate to this fund. In addition to many individuals, money is given by the Tipton United Fund and 1/3 of the [December 14!] Community Soup Dinner donations go toward this fund. Through the middle of July, this fund, with Rev. David Lorenzen of 1st UCC as treasurer, had helped people and families to the tune of \$5,000. It was at that time that the funds were depleted.

Gratitude is so necessary for us to experience the benefits of living among and loving our neighbors. Please, make an effort to express your gratitude at the Community Thanksgiving Service.



What if today, we were just grateful for everything?

1st UMC-Tipton has received a bequest of \$26,086.30 from the estate of Evelyn Hamiel who died in March of 2006. Leadership Council gave unofficial approval for acceptance. Final and formal acceptance is by action of the Church Conference to be held November 25. The Council did some brainstorming about how to designate and best use those funds. The final disposition - and the motion to be presented to Church Conference - will be determined by the Leadership Council at their meeting Nov. 13. Everyone is invited to think & pray how you'd like to direct those funds. At this point, the proposal is:

- \$10,000 1st UMC Endowment
- \$10,000 Forward In Faith (FIF) projects
- \$ 5,000 Form a Trustee "contingency fund"
- \$ 1,086.30 Up to this amount to get something tangible which to gives honor to Evelyn.

It's some thing to start with so we don't have a blank sheet of paper. If you have input to offer or questions that arise, contact a member of the Leadership Council or the Trustees.

If approved, this generous amount toward FIF would allow your leadership to devise a totally reasonable way to complete the final two items on the Forward In Faith list, which are the Fellowship Room update and the Education Wing windows... (Just in time for the 50th anniversary of construction!)

FLOWER COORDINATOR

position available 1/1/14

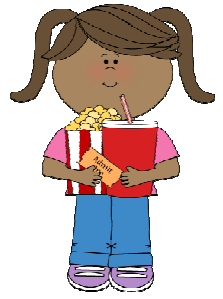
If you appreciate having the flowers in the sanctuary on Sundays, perhaps you'd like to coordinate that ministry. If interested contact Pastor Paul. It has been suggested that we have some "fake flowers" on hand for various seasons. Then if no one signs up for "flowers," we just put out the arrangements. It is also feasible that we just don't have anything out some Sundays.

Deb Eisele has performed this coordination very well the past two years. Thank you, Deb!



Let's go to the movie!! The Putnam Museum of Davenport is showing JERUSALEM 3D for a couple months. Let's LOAD THE BUS and take a road trip Monday, December 9th. The show starts at 3:00 p.m. We will leave Tipton at 1:15. After the movie, we will stop somewhere for dinner. We'll return to Tipton by 7:30 p.m. The bus ride and tickets cost \$12.50 for adults and \$11.50 for "seniors/students." Dinner is on your own. The first 15 people to give their name and money are 'on the bus!'

After that we'll take your name on a 'waiting list' or we'll see if there's enough for another vehicle. Participants need not be members or participants of 1st UMC.



JERUSALEM 3D "is a thrilling, immersive experience about one of the world's most beloved cities. Discover why this tiny piece of land is sacred to three major religions through the stories of Jewish, Christian and Muslim families... The city's holiest sites, as well as rare and breathtaking aerial footage of the Old City combine to make JERUSALEM 3D a unique and stunning cinematic experience."

Mission Rally Sundays! SAVE THE DAY!

Something new for Sunday school students this year is what we are calling Mission Rally Sundays. Once a month we take 15 minutes to expose the students to a mission our church is involved with. We want kids to see that they too can be involved with missions and that it is a very important part of our church.

In October our mission was Ingathering. We had students bring items to make school kits. Wally Reidel spoke to the kids about his and Judy's involvement with Ingathering.

For November we are collecting food for the food pantry. A note went home with students on Sunday about this which has a list of some of the things that are always needed. Please consider sending an item with your student on November 3.

In December we will ask each class to choose a "gift tag" from the Mission Giving tree and come up with a way to purchase that item. Maybe by having a cookie sale after church or just have everyone donate.

As Tipton First UMC considers what it means to be a 'missions' church, please take some time to discuss these ideas with your children, and encourage them to get involved in these kinds of projects.

Oh, and what is "Save The Day"? At our first mission rally I asked the kids what they thought "mission" meant. The response I got from one of the preschoolers was "SAVE THE DAY". We thought that that made a great mission rally cry!



The hand chimes are back for the holidays!

The plan is to start practicing on November 3rd after worship. If you would like to be a part of this group but are unable to be there on the 3rd, please let Judy Rouse or Mary Jo Heil (mjheil@ezrasoft.com) know before then. We will be getting parts and don't want to leave anyone out. All ages are welcome.

We will make plans for playing during worship service, at Cedar Manor and at Prairie Hills.



Everyone had a great time at this year's Halloween Party!



Choose to Be Weird, Because Normal Isn't Working

A 4-Week Series about Priorities, Promises and Devotion

During the month of November, worship and GIGs will center on God's call and expectation that followers of Jesus live in ways that are "weird" to much of the culture in which we live. This is not a new concept. When we read the New Testament Acts of the Apostles and the epistles, it's easy to see that Christians were generally in trouble... because they were not "normal," they did not conform to the culture in which they were living! This was true from Jerusalem to Antioch to Philippi to Corinth all the way to Rome.

If being weird sounds like too much work, take heart. "Normal" is no picnic, either. In fact, being normal today is more time consuming than ever. There aren't enough hours in the day to buy, sell, earn, drive, cook, clean, call, shop, eat, plan, study, write, review, schedule and follow through. "Normal" people are overwhelmed, overloaded, and exhausted. Families suffer. Priorities fade. Studies show over and over that this leads to a breakdown in physical, emotional, relational and even spiritual health. Normal is busy... and wanting more time in which we can be busier.

Many "normal" folks get heart palpitations when finances are mentioned because "money" is a dark pit of worry, fear, anxiety, tension and fighting. Life is paycheck to paycheck – at best.

"Normal" relationships require little and provide less.

I believe television is a reflection of "normal." If you agree, then "normal" sex is premarital, extra-marital, pornographic, experimentation and casual. All around us we see the cost of that "normal:" guilt, shame, confusion, disease, addiction, 'unwanted' children and divorce.

"Normal" faith for many people means professing a lukewarm faith that is self-centered; a shallow faith which makes few or small or no expectations of the adherent.

Is "normal" working? (Hmmm, if I have your attention, perhaps you need not answer?)

So Jesus offers a weird way of living. It includes meaningful relationships, intentional scheduling, and deep, fulfilling rest all the way down to your soul. Being a Jesus-kind of weird, your financial life can have peace, margin and eternal investments. And doesn't it sound nice to have a weird marriage or relationships, where intimacy and mutual respect reign?

Know what? Alec Amosson and I are promising that this will be the most weird "stewardship campaign" you've ever experienced! By the 24th of November we are praying that each of us sees in a brand new way that God has something to say about every aspect of life. Don't miss this series!

Even if you have not participated in a GIG thus far, GIGs will begin this new four-week series Wednesday, October 30. Jump into a GIG so you can experience the full possibilities of growing in Jesus Christ. New GIGs will be formed if and as needed.

It is our prayer that, at the end of these four weeks, we will have begun or taken another step toward growing into the individuals and the church that God knows we can be. And that, friends, will feel...

"Weird, Because Normal Isn't Working!"

FALL CLEAN-UP REPORT

12 people came Saturday morning October 12 and made HUGE progress on the hospitality condition of the facility. Some of the work was completing the repairs from the break-in. Special word of gratitude to Steve Person for his work in this arena. Many of the windows were washed, the sanctuary received a 'deep-clean,' LL-8 was cleaned, three tack strips were hung, the Education Wing refrigerator was cleaned and the old "loaner" tables were put away for the winter.

A list remains for anyone who was not able to be here. Light covers can have the bugs and summer dust removed; LL-4 (the "senior high room") needs deep cleaning; the ceiling of LL-10 still needs painting; every window of the Ed. Wing needs cleaning – and the glass is optional. Contact the church office to find out when rooms are available. Get a group together and come have some good, clean fun!

November Sunday Servants

Liturgists

- 10 – Vicki Daniel
- 17 – Twyla Hein
- 24 – Alec Heil

Power Point

- 3 – Brian or MJ Heil (both)
- 10 – Becky Young(create) Chris McKinney (run)
- 17 – Maggie Borman (create) Kristin Charette (run)
- 24 – Zoe, Alek and Andrew Comstock (both)

Flowers

- 3 – Kim & Sandy Kreinbring
- 10 – Denise Menté
- 17 – Mike & Deb Eisele
- 24 –

Fellowship Coffee

- 3 – Bob & Barb Rickard, Stacy Emrich, Karen Strefling
- 10 – Max & Judy Keller, Bob & Judy Ohrt, Gail Fleming
- 17 – Wallick Family, Jeff & Mary McKinney, Scott & Karen Anderson
- 24 – Donna Gault, Tom & Mary Ehresman, Rich & Karen Zobel

Ushers

- 3 – Webb Family
- 10 – Webb Family
- 17 – United Methodist Women
- 24 –

Greeters

- 3 – Kim Cross & Twyla Hein
- 10 – Lyle & Cynthia Fitch
- 17 – Garry & Michelle O’Leary
- 24 – Kent & Carmen Hoffman

Nursery

- 3 – Webb Family
- 10 – Chris & Kiley Schultz
- 17 – Cheryl Person
- 24 – Roberta Gesling

Children’s Lesson

- 3-24 – Pastor Paul

Video Camera

- 3 – Alec Heil
- 10 – Mary McKinney
- 17 – Chris McKinney
- 24 – Jane Moen

Communion Stewards

Judy Rouse

Acolytes

- 3 – Sara & Davis Webb
- 10 – Sara & Davis Webb
- 17 – Caleb Shumaker & Dawson Menté
- 24 – Elliot Cummins & Elizabeth Wright

Presence and Gifts from Sept.

Presence: Worship: 1st–99, 8th–170, 15th–113, 22nd–169, 29th–118;
Sunday School 8th–NA, 15th–65, 22nd–90, 29th–79

Average attendance: Worship: 134;
Sunday School: 78

Gifts: General Fund \$15,464.00, Preschool Facility Use 100.00, Upper Room 8.05, Copies 25.00, Apportionments 120.00, College Connections 302.00, Caring Ministry 10.00, Book – “Holding your Family Together” 52.40, Book – “40 Days of Community” 320.00, Book – Animate 15.00, Shared Blessings 43.00, AARP Driver’s Safety Course 14.00, Copper Kettle 284.17, Mission Market 60.86, Grand Total 16,818.48

**Newsletter articles are due
Mon., Nov. 18th.**

**Meeting of the Holy Folders is
Wed., Nov. 27th.**

Holy Folders fold the newsletter, spreading
God’s and our Church’s news!



During winter break please consider joining The Holy Folders on Thursday, December 27th at 8:15 a.m. See how a hand full of volunteers do the important job of keeping the church informed. This is a great time for students and their families to participate, since there is no school. Many hands make light work; the newsletter is usually ready to go by 9:30 a.m., so you can help and still enjoy a full day. Maybe with your help it could be done faster. During winter break many of our “regular Holy Folders” are out of town, so it is a great time to come when you are needed. On December 27th cookies and refreshments will be served.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

(members and constituents)

- 1 – Lisa Fleming, Carter Hill, Faith McGee, Doug Moore, Kelly Wendel
- 3 – Sam Bierman, Becky Donohoe, Matt Harper, Charles Miles
- 4 – Janet Anderson, Kim Cross, Katelyn DeWulf, Jennifer Johnson, Raymond Stark, Marlin Wiskus
- 5 – Bradey Anderson, Cynthia Fitch
- 6 – Larry & Wylene Hostler
- 7 – Brent Criswell, Keylon Krenz
- 8 – Joseph Crock, Wylene Hostler, Karen Regennitter
- 9 – Cooper Boeve, Tina Jorgensen, Erica Shumaker, Melinda Stonebraker
- 10 – Tara Eisele, Caden Schmidt, Heidi Shumaker, Kyle Voss
- 11 – Alisha Hubler, Jenny Jackson, Edward Ketelsen, Jeremiah & Jennifer Johnson
- 13 – Owen Boldt, Chris & Kiley Schultz
- 15 – Mary Ehresman, Patti Seydel
- 16 – Connie & Dick Paul
- 18 – Zoe Stonebraker, Ken & Sherry Schmidt, Ruel & Jan Wehde
- 19 – Rich Zobel, Robert & JoAnne Johnston
- 20 – Peg Adams, Marvin Ford, Wayne Neville
- 21 – Jo Ann Beers, Elliot Cummins, Autumn Puffer
- 23 – Ronald Martin
- 24 – Brooke Lieser, Delores Creque
- 25 – Cheryl Person
- 26 – Steph Behne, Jack Cartwright, Glenn & Ellen Fear
- 27 – Jerod Wiskus
- 28 – Melissa Davis, Sara Webb, Brad & Jeanette Kirkpatrick
- 29 – Bailey Puffer, Kellie Rouse

(Please contact the church office for additions and/or corrections.)



Worship in November

- Nov. 3** — **Weird Theme #1:** What One Thing do you desire from God?
All Saints with Communion & Dedication of Memorials
Music: Chancel Choir; keyboards
Scripture: Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 19:1-10
- Nov. 10** — **Weird Theme #2:** What One Thing do you lack?
Music: Christian Chaos, Choir Kids
Scripture: Luke 18:18-34
- Nov. 17** — **Weird Theme #3:** What One Thing do you need to let go?
Baptism and Membership will be celebrated.
Music: Chancel Choir & Keyboards
- Nov. 24** — **Weird Theme #4:** What One Promise do you need to claim?
Christ the King!! Harvest Celebration Sunday
Music: Choir Kids, Christian Chaos
Scripture: Romans 8:31-32; Philippians 4:4-9
- Nov. 24** — **Community Thanksgiving Worship at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church**



Christ said we could move mountains if we had faith. But He didn't say we wouldn't need a shovel. - Joyce Vollmer Brown

November 2013

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Daylight Savings</p> <p>8:30am Choir Kids (Sanct.)</p> <p>9:00am GIG (Rm 110)</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30am Worship (Sanct)</p> <p>6:45pm GIG</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30pm Xn Chaos rehearsal (Sanct.)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:00pm Communion @ Prairie Hills</p> <p>6:30pm GIG (Rm 113)</p> <p>7:00pm PEO (DR/K)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Pastor @ Bible Study</p> <p>1:30pm Grades 7-12 Safe Sanctuary Training (Rm.)</p> <p>6:15pm Youth Group (DR/K)</p> <p>6:30pm Theater Preservation</p> <p>6:30pm GIG (Johnson Home)</p> <p>7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanct)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:15am Church Women United (DR/K)</p> <p>9:30am Communion @ Cedar</p> <p>10:00am GIG (Rm 113)</p> <p>10:00am Senior Park Program</p> <p>6:30pm Neighbors & Disciples</p> <p>7:00pm Bible Study (Wesley Rm)</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:00am Shared Blessings Meal (DR/K)</p> <p>2:00pm Private Party (DR/K)</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Make a Difference Day</p> <p>8:30am Choir Kids (Sanct.)</p> <p>9:00am GIG (Rm 110)</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30am Worship (Sanct)</p> <p>2:30pm KFC (Ed Wing)</p> <p>See More Above.....</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30am Staff Meeting (WeslyRm)</p> <p>6:30pm Xn Chaos rehearsal (Sanct.)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:00pm Meal Packaging (HS Cafeteria)</p> <p>6:30pm GIG (Rm 113)</p> <p>6:45pm Mission Meeting (WeslyRm)</p> <p>7:00pm Cedar County Hunger Coalition (Trinity Luth)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am Pastor @ Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm GIG (Johnson Home)</p> <p>7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanct)</p> <p>8:00pm Leadership Council (Wesly)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00am GIG (Rm 113)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1:30pm Mary Marantha Circle</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>8:30am Choir Kids (Sanct.)</p> <p>9:00am GIG (Rm 110)</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30am Worship (Sanct)</p> <p>11:30am Blood Pressure Screening (F'ship Rm)</p> <p>6:45pm GIG</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due</p> <p>4:30pm Greif Group (Rm 113)</p> <p>6:30pm Xn Chaos rehearsal (Sanct.)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30pm GIG (Rm 113)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00am Pastor @ Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm Theater Preservation Association (DR/K)</p> <p>6:30pm GIG (Johnson Home)</p> <p>7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanct)</p> <p>8:00pm Abigail Circle (DR/K)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30am Pastor @ ECI</p> <p>10:00am Pastor @ HCI (Springville)</p> <p>10:00am GIG (Rm 113)</p> <p>6:15pm Girl Scout Troop #8719</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #5302</p> <p>6:30pm Trustees Meeting (LL-1)</p> <p>See More Above.....</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:00am Shared Blessings Meal (DR/K)</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>8:30am Choir Kids (Sanct.)</p> <p>9:00am GIG (Rm 110)</p> <p>9:00am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30am Worship (Sanct)</p> <p>6:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service (Trinity Lutheran</p> <p>6:45pm GIG</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30pm Xn Chaos rehearsal (Sanct.)</p> <p>7:00pm Church Conference (DR/K)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Pastor @ Cluster</p> <p>2:00pm Prairie Hills Program</p> <p>6:30pm GIG (Rm 113)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Meeting of the Holy Folders</p> <p>10:00am Pastor @ Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm GIG (Johnson Home)</p> <p>7:00pm No - Chancel Choir (Sanct)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:00am Shared Blessings (DR/K)</p>



*We are the
Hands of Christ*

A line drawing of two hands, one larger and one smaller, reaching towards each other. The larger hand is on the left, and the smaller hand is on the right. The hands are positioned as if they are about to clasp or support each other. The drawing is simple and uses fine lines to define the fingers and palms.